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19 January 1959

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White, General Truscott, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Dr. Kent, [redacted] 25X1

MR. DULLES:

a. Noted an article in today's New York Times by Sidney Gruson referring to a pamphlet published by Karl Barth (now residing in Switzerland), in which Barth speaks against the West, and commented that this pamphlet would be read with great interest in church circles.

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b. Stated he had recently seen a number of cables indicating that things might be hotting up in the Chinese offshore islands and noted his intention of mentioning this fact at the USIB meeting on 20 January. In response to a query from the Director, Mr. Sheldon advised that the Watch Committee reviews this situation once a week. However, the offshore island committee had been disbanded. The Director said, for the purpose of his remarks at USIB, he would like a check sheet from DD/I indicating intelligence reports recently received on the situation [redacted] 25X1

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c. Mentioned he had received a letter from the President, enclosing a memorandum prepared by Dr. Paul Dudley White reporting the results of a Mexican medical mission which has just returned from Communist China. The Director referred to an Agency cable asking all Chiefs of Station to report visits of their indigenous personnel behind the Iron Curtain, to include Communist China, and asked if these instructions had been sent to our Latin American Stations (Action: DD/P). The Director also commented that should the visit

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d. Asked if significant TD's are called to the attention of Hugh Cumming. Mr. Helms indicated that they are.

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f. Referred to the report in the press about the development of an atomic battery and stated he had advised General Goodpaster that we had been interested in such a device for some length of time. Note: Mr. Helms to furnish the Director a memorandum on this

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The Director noted Mr. Amory's comment that DD/I does not receive copies of monthly letters submitted by the Chiefs of Station. Mr. Amory noted, as a case in point, he was caught rather

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25X1 [redacted] Mr. Kirkpatrick commented that, in preparing briefs of the monthly letters for the Director, he extracts information of interest to DD/I and that, in his opinion, the information contained
25X1 in the [redacted] letter referred to above was about the same as contained in the New York Times. A discussion followed as to the intent and purpose of monthly letters and the Director made it clear that Station Chiefs are his (~~State~~) representatives abroad and are not to be considered just a representative of DD/P. The Director went on to say that possibly he had erred some time ago when he had changed his decision and allowed copies of these letters to be simultaneously distributed to the Divisions. He remarked that of course he had no objection to Messrs. Bissell, Helms, and Barnes seeing these reports; however, he was not at all sure that possibly we should not go back to the initial instruction that these letters come to the Director and further dissemination be made by his office. Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that in some instances the Station Chief might well be inhibited as to what he puts in a letter if he knows that a copy automatically goes to his Division Chief. Mr. Barnes commented he did not quite agree and felt that a good Chief of Station had a perfect right to say what he pleased. No decision was made as to whether distribution will be changed. General Cabell undertook to look into this matter.

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i. Noted he had received a call from General Swing (Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization) concerning pre-inspections of visas issued to enter the U. S., and commented General Swing had promised to write us a letter--which he had not seen. Mr. Helms stated that he believed C/CI knew about this and undertook to obtain a report on this subject for the Director.

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k. Noted a cable from [redacted] concerning the visit of Colonel Lansdale [redacted] and, in particular, the fact that there is still French resentment directed towards Lansdale [redacted] The Director stated that the only action he saw necessary was to bring information contained in this cable to the attention of Lansdale prior to his departure. 25X1 25X1 25X1

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GENERAL CABELL:

a. Referred to a memorandum from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget about heads or representatives of agencies appearing before the Congress not requesting more funds than what is contained in the President's budget and stated that since this memorandum has been published in the papers, he saw no reason to reply. Those present agreed.

b. Mentioned a report from Chief, WH, which indicated that "thousands" of reports had been received from the FBI on the Cuban situation and stated it was obvious to him that there had been a breakdown in our disseminating procedures since, by and large, these reports had not been made available to OCI. Mr. Helms commented this problem is under study and he believed it has been licked. After some discussion, Mr. Amory stated he would prefer to have these reports initially go to OCR with the exception of those containing most urgent information, which he felt should be telephoned to OCI directly.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Asked the Director if he wished any further dissemination made on Gordon Gray's minutes prepared as a result of the conversation

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the Director and Gray had with the President on 26 December. The Director asked that a copy be made available to DDCI and DD/P.

COLONEL WHITE:

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DR. KENT:

a. Noted he had been advised by Chester Bowles that Mrs. Downey is considering going to Communist China to live in order to be near her son. The Director noted he had heard about this and asked [redacted] to remind him to mention it to Hugh Cumming at tomorrow's USIB meeting. 25X1

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Mr. Amory and General Cabell that we should not, at the present time, openly oppose production of these papers but, rather, should wait until more is learned from the Pentagon as to whether they in fact serve a useful purpose. The Director also commented there would be no objection to Dr. Kent, in his discussion with General Norstad, attempting to feel him out as to his opinion of the work, use, and security of standing group papers but he (Kent) should be careful not to commit the Agency either way.

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